

Middlesex Recreation Commission  
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846  
Commission Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2015

Chair Sherley Penrose opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present

Cassius Kennick  
Bob May  
Sherley Penrose  
Rich Rutkowski  
Rich Tarbous

Members Absent:

Glenn Dickey  
Lileen Schwarz  
Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director

Also present:

Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director  
Steve Greco, Council Liaison

February 2015 minutes have been tabled until the April 2015 meeting due to the Commissioners did not receive them before the March 9, 2015 meeting.

Buddy Ball Cheerleading Program Volunteers: Lia Chacon, Kate Heulit, Megan Brower, Haley Resch, Avery Reddick, Alyssa Rodriguez and Buddy Ball Adult Cheer Coaches: Lisa Lissy, Barbara Sibree-Rodriguez and Kim Reddick were presented with the Volunteer Award.

**Public Session:**

No one present

**Directors Report**

- Basketball has 214 children registered. Photo day was on February 11, 2015. Trophies have been ordered.
- Wrestling has 36 children registered. The program will end in mid-March.
- Travel Basketball Garden State League is having playoffs. All four teams are involved. Both the girls and boys 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade teams are the #1 teams in their division. Additional, the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' team is the #2 team in their division.
- Bowling program winter session began on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run through April 6<sup>th</sup> at Stelton Bowling Lanes. There are 15 children registered.
- Tennis will be using US Sports Institute for a First Play program at Mt. View from April 13<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> for kids ages 3-14 and also adults. There are different time

slots for different age groups. We will also host a tennis tournament on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Toddler winter session has started. There are 31 children registered.
- PonyShare has 7 children registered for the session during spring break which is April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>. Summer camp will run from July 13<sup>th</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup>. Both will be held in Mt. View Park.
- Baseball/Softball has 96 children registered. The breakdown is: Lil Sluggers (Kindergarten co-ed) = 14, Small Fry Boys (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) = 23, Small Girls (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) = 9, Junior League Girls (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) = 31, Farm League Boys (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) = 4, Major League girls (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) = 15. We will reach out to the Dunellen and Somerville Baseball/Softball Leagues and see if there is a possibility they can assist with the Lil Sluggers, Small Fry, Small Girls, Junior League and Major League.
- Decode Your Diet seminar will run on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Forms have been sent through email.
- Men's Softball has one team paid and two more have made verbal commitments.
- Easter Egg Hunt is set for March 28<sup>th</sup>. The rain/snow date will be March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Movie Night in the Park is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Councilmatic report** -

1. Council member Greco is still working with the Borough Auditor to resolve the separation of Recreation trust accounts from the Recreation operating accounts.

#### **Trust Account and Account details report**

Motion to accept made by Rich Rutkowski pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Bob May. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

#### **Commission Committee reports** - No reports

#### **Board of Education Report** - No representative

#### **Correspondence** – None

#### **Volunteer nomination** – None

#### **New Business** – None to Report

#### **Old Business**

1. Consideration has been asked to create soccer and basketball programs for high school students who wish to play while not on the high school teams. The director would love to create these programs but needs additional help. Councilman Greco will advise the Mayor and Council about the need for more help in the recreation department office with existing programs and with the

opportunity to add more programming primarily for high school students who are not on other teams but still want to participate in a sport.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Penrose read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 8:10 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Bob May.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by  
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary